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# PLAIN FAMILY PRAYERS.

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I have long been looking for a manual of FAMILY PRAYER, which, expressing the common wants of all, should express these in a manner so plain and direct that it might be used intelligently and intelligibly, even by one who might not be a practised reader. This book has been compiled to supply the need; and, as it seems to me, does supply it. I should rejoice to know that it was in daily use in every family in the Diocese.

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## SUNDAY MORNING.

*Let us pray.*

O MERCIFUL GOD, grant to us Thy servants pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve Thee this day with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

O GOD THE FATHER, who as on this day didst create the light, enlighten our hearts with the sunshine of Thy love. *Amen.*

O GOD THE SON, who as on this day didst rise from the dead, raise up our souls unto newness of life. *Amen.*

O GOD THE HOLY GHOST, who as on this day didst come down to give life to the Church, quicken and purify us. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY FATHER, Lord of Heaven and Earth, we thank Thee with our whole hearts for Thy goodness to us in causing us to see once more the light of Thy holy day. Give us grace to shew our thankfulness by using it well, by spending it in Thy worship and service, and in learning to know Thee better ; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Be with us, Heavenly Father, when we go to Thy house, and fill us with fear and reverence. Make us sincere in our confession of sin, earnest in our prayers, hearty in our thanksgiving. Help us to be attentive to Thy Holy Word, and enable us to profit by what we hear. [May those of us who are communicants draw near to Thy Holy Table in faith and penitence and charity, and find spiritual strength and refreshment there.] Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O LORD GOD, bless all our dear relatives and friends this day with all spiritual blessings. And to all our neighbours make Thy goodness known, and draw them nearer to Thee. Bless all the Bishops and Pastors of Thy Church, especially our own Bishop and Pastor, and strengthen them for their holy work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR FATHER, &c.

Now unto the King, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only Wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## SUNDAY EVENING.

*Let us confess our sinfulness.*

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, we confess before Thee our great sinfulness and our unworthiness of Thy love. We acknowledge that we have this day broken Thy Holy Laws again, and come short in many ways of our duty. Of Thy great mercy, O Lord, forgive us all our offences, even the new offences of this day. Pardon all coldness and inattention in our worship, and our misuse of the precious opportunities which this holy day has brought us, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, keep and defend us, and all whom we love, and all who are round about us, this night, from harm and suffering; and raise us on the morrow in health and strength, if it be Thy will, and with a sincere desire to serve Thee better, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, Father of all mercies, we praise and thank Thee for all the numberless blessings which Thou dost daily vouchsafe to us and ours. For health and strength, for food and clothing and shelter, for peaceful homes and loving relatives and kind friends, we thank Thee, who givest all. But, most of all, we thank Thee for the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, and for Thy mercy in calling us and all Christian people into a state of salvation. Help us to thank Thee truly by abiding in Thy love, and by earnestly walking in the steps of Thy Son Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory now and forever. *Amen.*

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost bless, preserve and keep us, and all for whom we ought to pray, this night and forever. *Amen.*

## MONDAY MORNING.

*Let us pray.*

O MERCIFUL FATHER, we beseech Thee to grant to us, Thy sinful children, Thy pardon and Thy peace, for our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

O GOD, Who hast commanded that no man should be idle, we beseech Thee to bless us this day in the work which Thy Providence has appointed for us, whatever that work may be. Give us such strength of body and of mind as may be needful for it, and give us grace to do our best in it, remembering that we are working for Thee. [Guard and keep (our child or) the children, whether at home, at school, at work, or at play.] Defend us in any danger that may threaten us, and preserve us by Thy protecting care, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O LORD GOD, without whose help we cannot be holy, abide with us this day, and strengthen us against temptation. Keep us from hasty, false, cruel, or profane words. Keep us from unkind or dishonest actions. Keep our thoughts pure and our desires unselfish. Help us to be gentle and kind towards all who are about us. May we often think of our Saviour during the day, and, if opportunities should occur of helping our neighbours to know Him, may we be ready to use them, for the same Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Bless Thy holy Church, O Lord, throughout all the world. Give it peace, and, in thine own good time, unity. Grant that it may increase and abound in zeal and activity. Stir up the hearts of men well fitted to serve in the Sacred Ministry that they may give themselves to the work. May the Clergy be more and more endued with the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, and the people more and more devout and self-denying; and may the cause of true religion prosper abundantly, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

OUR FATHER, &c.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, be all honour and praise now and evermore. *Amen.*

## MONDAY EVENING.

*Let us confess our sinfulness.*

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we confess that we are not worthy in ourselves to pray to Thee, and that we have sinned against Thee this day, in thought, word and deed. For our Saviour's sake receive us, and grant us true repentance. Forgive and put away from us our sins, and grant us grace to serve Thee better for the time to come. Hear us in Heaven, Thy dwelling-place, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

We thank Thee, O Heavenly Father, for the care which Thou hast taken of us through this day, and for the many undeserved mercies and blessings which Thou daily renewest to us. Keep us, we pray Thee, through the night. Thou who never slumberest, make our slumbers safe. Preserve us from bodily dangers, and keep far from us our spiritual enemy. Grant us quiet rest and a glad awaking, and strengthen us for to-morrow's labours. Hear us, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O GOD of comfort and help, bless all who are in any kind of trouble or distress this night. To those who are in want or difficulty give hope, and in Thine own good time supply their needs. Support the sick and afflicted, and grant them healing or relief. Comfort all mourners, and show them Thy love and care. Make the fatherless to seek Thee as their Father, and all the bereaved to trust in Thee. Grant us these petitions for the sake of our loving Saviour. *Amen.*

May the Lord bless us and keep us ; may the Lord lift up upon us the light of His countenance and give us peace. *Amen.*

## TUESDAY MORNING.

*Let us pray.*

O LORD GOD, Who art always merciful, loose us, we pray Thee, from the chain of our sins, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast kept us in safety through the night, and givest us once more the opportunity of praying to Thee together, we thank and praise Thee for Thy continual goodness to us. Help us, we beseech Thee, to remember Thee this day in all our occupations, and to feel that as Thou art with us to protect us, so Thou art always nigh to see and hear us, and that our inmost thoughts and desires are known to Thee. Keep us in Thy fear and in Thy love all the day long, and suffer us not to do or say anything that might dishonour or offend Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Increase and multiply within each member of this family, O Lord, the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit. Make us gentle and patient and forbearing towards one another and towards all men. Make us truthful and guileless in our words and actions. Make us pure and temperate. Make us diligent and conscientious in our work. Help us to set a watch upon our lips, that we may refrain from idle gossip and all uncharitable judging of others. And grant that we may do our utmost to promote peace and goodwill among all our neighbours, to the glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, THE FATHER OF ALL MANKIND, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon the Heathen and all who are in ignorance and error. Gather into the fold of Thy Church those who are without, and send down Thy Holy Spirit upon all who are called Christians, that they may flee from sin and seek earnestly after the righteousness of Thy Kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

OUR FATHER, &c.

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost be with us this day and for evermore. *Amen.*

## TUESDAY EVENING.

*Let us confess our sinfulness.*

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we confess before Thee that we have sinned and done amiss this day, and have in many ways come short of the obedience which we owe to Thee, our Father. Grant to each of us grace to be truly penitent before Thee, and let Thy pardoning mercy heal and restore us, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

DEFEND US, O LORD OUR GOD, this night from all dangers, both bodily and spiritual, and grant us quiet rest and refreshment. Let no vain fancies or unholy desires occupy our minds when we are awake, and when we are asleep let our sleep be sound and invigorating. Watch over all who are near and dear to us, and keep them in safety, and give them, too, the boon of rest. Help them and all our neighbours to draw near to Thee before they lie down upon their beds, and so to find Thy Blessing, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

We offer to Thee, O most gracious God, our evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all the joys and blessings of our earthly lot. And, above all, we desire to praise Thee for that unspeakable gift which Thou hast bestowed upon us in sending Thy Son Jesus Christ in our nature to live and die for our salvation, for the means of grace which Thou dost offer us, and for the hope of glory which Thou dost set before us. O Lord God, help us to be thankful. Help us to use and profit by the privileges that thou hast bestowed upon us, and bring us all at last unto Thy Heavenly Kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake, to Whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

May the Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

*Let us pray.*

O GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, Creator and Preserver of  
all men and all things,

*Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.*

O God the Holy Ghost, who makest men holy,

*Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.*

Spare us, good Lord, spare us, and deliver us from our  
sinfulness.

*Spare us, Good Lord.*

From all hurt and evil to the body, from pain and sick-  
ness, and accident,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From the temptations of the Devil, from the enticements  
of the world, and from all the sinful desires of the flesh,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In every time of trial and of trouble, in the hour of death,  
and in the day of judgment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By all Thy mercy and loving kindness,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and  
that it may please Thee to grant us all good things that  
are needful for the soul and for the body,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance and  
to forgive us all our sins and shortcomings,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to make us faithful and  
obedient towards Thee, pure in heart and patient, loving  
and helpful towards one another, and just and kind towards  
all men,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to bless and keep all our dear relatives and friends, to give prosperity to our Queen and our country, to quicken and strengthen Thy holy Church, and to bring Thy wandering children home,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

OUR FATHER, &c.

Glory be to God the Father, our Creator and Preserver; Glory be to Jesus, our Redeemer; Glory be to the Holy Ghost, our Sanctifier. All love and praise be unto Thee, O God most high. *Amen.*

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

*Let us confess our sinfulness.*

O MOST GRACIOUS GOD, we confess that we have most justly provoked Thine anger against us by our manifold sins. In our youth and in our riper years we have sinned, in our souls and in our bodies, by doing and by leaving undone. Some of our sins are known to others, and some have been kept secret; some we remember, and some we have forgotten. But all are known to Thee. Be not angry with us, O Lord, for ever. Spare us, good Lord, who with true and hearty sorrow confess our sinfulness. And forgive us, we beseech Thee, all that we have done amiss; for His sake who died for our sins, and now ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

Into Thy hands, O God most mighty, we commit ourselves and all who are dear to us, and all things which Thou hast given us to use and enjoy. Be Thou our Guardian and Defender this night. Keep us from all harm or loss or pain or sorrow, if it be Thy will; and,

with the light of another day, give us, we beseech Thee, renewed health and vigour for our daily work. Keep us in remembrance that we shall one day be raised up from the sleep of death, or be summoned from our earthly life, to stand before the Throne of Judgment; and grant that every day that comes and goes may find us nearer in spirit to Thee, and more ready for the coming of our Lord, through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer and our Judge. *Amen.*

Help and preserve all those who are in any danger or trouble this night. O Heavenly Father, comfort the sorrowful, heal the sick, strengthen the feeble, give help and support to the dying. Supply the wants of those who are in need, and raise up friends for the friendless. Guard all sailors and others who are at sea, and all who are brought into peril on the land. Hear us, and answer us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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#### THURSDAY MORNING.

*Let us pray.*

Be merciful unto us, O God, be merciful unto us, and do away all our offences. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within each of us, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O EVERLASTING GOD, Maker of all things, who causest the sun to rise and all living creatures to renew their strength morning by morning, we give Thee thanks for the rest and refreshment which Thou hast granted to us, and for raising us up again in health and vigour. Be with each one of us through the day, at home or abroad, and keep us by Thy power from all things evil. Give us of Thy bounty what-

soever is needful for our bodily life, and in our work or business this day grant us such prosperity as is good for us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

O MOST GRACIOUS GOD, let Thy Holy Spirit teach us and direct us this day. Show us what Thou wouldst have us do, and strengthen us to do it as in Thy sight. And keep us free from sin. May we be truthful, honest and industrious; may we be kind and gentle and peaceable. (May the children [or our child] learn useful lessons at school and be made more fit to do Thee service.) May we (who are older) set an example of Christian living wherever we may be, to the glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

O LORD OF THE HARVEST OF THE WORLD, we beseech Thee to send forth more labourers into Thy harvest. Make Thy servants willing to give themselves to the work of the Sacred Ministry at home and abroad. Fit and prepare those who seek that ministry for their high and holy work, and help them to go forth in entire dependence upon Thy help. So let Thine own work prosper in the world, and bring all men into Thine obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR FATHER, &c.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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#### THURSDAY EVENING.

*Let us confess our sinfulness.*

O MERCIFUL GOD, we confess that we have each of us sinned against Thee this day, in thought, word, and deed, and are unworthy in ourselves to pray to Thee. Grant us, we beseech Thee, true repentance and an earnest

desire to amend our lives, and pardon all our sinfulness, for the sake of Thy great mercy, which Thou hast shown to us in Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

Keep us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this night from all things that may hurt us. Guard our dwelling from harm, our bodies from sickness, and our hearts from sin. Give us the blessing of sleep, and strengthen us thereby for the labors and trials of the morrow, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who didst command us to copy Thy love for us in our love toward one another, make, we beseech Thee, our cold and selfish hearts warm and kind. Help us to love all men, especially our neighbours, and to try in all ways to do them good. And grant that we who live together in this house may love one another as Thou wouldst have us love, and evermore be gentle and full of sympathy, that we may show forth Thy likeness, O Blessed Lord, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest One God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men: yea, even for Thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Praised be the Lord daily; even the God who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

He is our God, even the God of Whom cometh Salvation: God is the Lord, by Whom we escape death.

Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## FRIDAY MORNING.

*Let us pray.*

O GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, and GOD THE HOLY GHOST,

*Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.*

Spare us, Good Lord, in Thy great mercy, and deliver us from the power and punishment of sin.

*Spare us, Good Lord.*

From harm and loss, from suffering and distress,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From unsettlement of mind and from loss of reason,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From living in sin and ungodliness, and from dying without repentance,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation or prosperity, from despondency and from pride,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By all Thy patience, mercy, and loving-kindness,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By Thy Passion, Thy Death, and Thy Burial; by Thy Resurrection and Thine Ascension,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please Thee to provide for all our real wants, both bodily and spiritual,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance, and to forgive us all our sins and shortcomings,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to grant us grace to grow in holiness, and in the knowledge, and love, and fear of Thy name,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon the Jews,  
and all who are in ignorance and error, and to bring them  
into Thy fold,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to bless and keep all who are  
dear to us, and to give them all things that are needful,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please Thee to give wisdom and righteous-  
ness to all who are set in authority, both in the State and  
in the Church, that all things may be done for thy glory,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

OUR FATHER, &c.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power,  
and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and  
glory, and blessing. *Amen.*

#### FRIDAY EVENING.

*Let us confess our sinfulness.*

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we have sinned and done amiss in  
Thy sight, both in the days that are past and on this day.  
Again and again we have transgressed Thy laws and come  
short in our duty. We have deserved Thy righteous anger.  
We have defiled our souls, we have weakened our own sense  
of right and the desires after goodness which Thou hast given  
to us by Thy Holy Spirit. And there is in us no strength  
to turn from sin and to walk in the way of goodness. Turn  
Thou us, O good Lord, and heal and purify our hearts.  
And of Thine infinite mercy, which Thou hast shown to  
us in Christ Jesus our Lord, pardon and restore us, and  
grant us Thy peace, for His Name's sake. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who for our sakes didst pour out Thy precious blood upon the Cross, abide with us, and make us to abide in Thee. Help us to hate and shun the sins for which Thou didst die. Help us to crucify and slay by the power of Thy death all evil and selfish lusts and desires that draw us away from holiness; and so make us to share in Thy death, that we may share in Thy glorious resurrection, and be with Thee for ever, where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest one God Everlasting. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, defend and bless this night all members of this household, and all those whom in our hearts we remember before Thee. Beneath Thy merciful protection may we all rest in peace; and let not Satan have any power against us to distract our minds or to pollute our hearts. Help each one of us to feel that Thou art near, and to put our whole trust in Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory and praise, world without end. *Amen.*

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### SATURDAY MORNING.

*Let us pray.*

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, forgive us, we beseech Thee, all that we have done amiss and all the duty that we have left undone, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY LORD GOD, we give Thee humble thanks for the new mercies that Thou showest to us every morning. Help us so to feel in our hearts Thy goodness, that we may spend our days in serving and honoring Thee. Give us grace to live this day as in Thy presence, that we may neither by word nor action disobey Thy laws, and that our very inmost thoughts may be pure. Keep us from sin, and help us this day in some way to glorify Thee, our God and King, for our Saviour's sake. *Amen.*

Preserve and protect us all this day, O God, who art everywhere present. From all dangers, seen or unseen, deliver us; from all loss and sorrow, preserve us; from painful accident and from sudden death, defend us; or if it be well that we should suffer, save and sanctify our spirits, and in all things keep us from evil, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

O GOD, from Whom come all good gifts, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst be with all Thy servants the Clergy this day, and so assist them with Thy grace, and with the enlightening power of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may wisely and effectually minister before Thee, and may become instruments of blessing to Thy people. Bless especially the missionaries who are labouring far away from home among the ignorant and the heathen. Give them patience, and fervent zeal, and love that never grows weary but always hopes; and grant them much fruit from their labours, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

OUR FATHER, &c.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

#### SATURDAY EVENING.

*Let us confess our sinfulness.*

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we acknowledge before Thee, that in many ways we have sinned against Thee and against Thy fatherly love this week, and that in our hearts Satan and the world and the flesh have still too much power. And we acknowledge that our repentance has never been as true and deep as for our iniquities and failures it should have been. We beseech Thee to deepen our sorrow and to make us hate and flee from sin. And so give us pardon, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who to redeem mankind from the darkness of the grave didst Thyself go down into the shades of night, and didst lay Thy body in the dust, we meekly beseech Thee that we, who in Baptism are buried with Thee, may be so dead to the evil that is in the world, and so full of the life which Thou givest, that we may be counted meet for the Resurrection unto glory, for Thine own work and passion's sake. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We praise Thee especially for the goodness which Thou hast shown to us, Thy servants, preserving us in life and health and the possession of many earthly blessings ; and chiefly for calling us into Thy Church and making us partakers in the blessed hope of eternal life. O fill us, we beseech Thee, with such a sense of Thy goodness that we may show forth Thy glory in our lives and conduct, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all praise and honour evermore. *Amen.*

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with us all, now and forever. *Amen.*

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## OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

### 1. FOR ADVENT.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, whose most dearly beloved Son came once to save the world, and will come again to judge the world, help us to watch like servants who wait for the coming of their lord. May we abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost, and purify ourselves, even as Christ is pure. Grant this, O merciful Father, for the sake of Him who once visited us in great humility and will come again in glorious majesty, Thy blessed Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## 2. FOR CHRISTMASTIDE.

O ETERNAL GOD, Father Almighty, who, as at this time didst give Thine only Son to be born of a woman, and to be made the Son of Man that we might be made the sons of God; grant that we may be indeed Thy children and may be like unto Him in all things, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## 3. FOR THE NEW YEAR.

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who hast graciously preserved us through the year that is past; help us, we beseech Thee, to serve Thee henceforth with all our mind and soul and strength; watch over us with Thy divine providence; and whether we live or die, may we evermore be Thine; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## 4. FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY.

O BLESSED JESUS, Who, by the shining of a star, didst manifest Thyself to those who sought Thee; show Thy heavenly light to us, and give us grace to follow until we find Thee; finding, to rejoice in Thee; and rejoicing, to present to Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, for Thy service, for evermore. *Amen.*

## 5. FOR LENT.

O SON OF GOD, who didst suffer Thyself to be tempted that Thou mightest destroy the works of the Devil deliver us, we beseech Thee, from all his snares, and strengthen us against all temptations, that we may be no more hindered in running the race that is set before us, but may follow Thee with a ready heart and a quiet mind; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## 6. FOR PASSIONTIDE.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, who gavest Thine only Son to die for our salvation, grant unto Thy servants that, following Him in devout remembrance to His cross and grave, and being with Him crucified unto sin, we may henceforth abide and live in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## 7. FOR EASTERTIDE.

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give Thine only-begotten Son to die upon the Cross, and by His glorious Resurrection hast delivered us from the power of death; grant that we may die daily unto sin, and may evermore live with Him in the joy of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## 8. FOR ASCENSIONTIDE.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who hast gone up on high, and sittest at the right hand of God; pour down upon us the gifts of Thy grace, and so lift our hearts to Thee here that we may hereafter see Thee face to face, and be with Thee where Thou art, who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God evermore. *Amen.*

## 9. FOR WHITSUNTIDE.

O GOD, Who, as at this time, didst send down Thy Holy Spirit from above to renew Thine image in our souls; mercifully grant that, by the effectual working of His grace, we may be preserved from sin, and may glorify Thee in our bodies and in our spirits, which are Thine; through the merits and mediation of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## 10. FOR THE EMBER WEEKS.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Giver of all good gifts, who of Thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders in Thy Church; give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine and endue them with innocence of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee to the glory of Thy great name, and the benefit of Thy holy Church, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## 11. BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that whosoever in this place shall this day receive the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, may approach Thy Holy Table

with true repentance, faith, thankfulness and charity ; and being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may obtain remission of their sins and all other benefits of His Passion ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### 12. BEFORE A CONFIRMATION.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, look down with Thy favour upon those who are shortly to be confirmed. Give them an earnest and true desire to yield themselves to Thy service, and to live as Thy true children. Defend them from temptation, and keep them in safety under Thy protection. Help them to feel Thy presence with them, and draw them ever nearer to Thyself. And so fit and prepare them, O Lord, for this holy ordinance, that they may receive the fulness of Thy blessing in the laying on of hands ; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

#### 13. AFTER THE BAPTISM OF AN INFANT.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, we most heartily thank Thee for Thy mercy towards the little one who has been this day baptized. And we beseech Thee that as he [or she] has been made Thy child by adoption, he [or she] may abide for ever in Thy love, and, being always a living member of the Body of Jesus Christ, may hereafter be a partaker in the glory of His Resurrection, and may receive the inheritance prepared for him [or her] ; through the same Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

#### 14. BEFORE THE BAPTISM OF A PERSON OR PERSONS OF RIPER YEARS.

O GOD, we beseech Thee mercifully to look upon Thy servant who is [or servants who are] shortly to be baptized. Receive him [or her or them], O Lord, as Thou hast promised, when he [or she or they] shall thus draw near to Thee, and grant him [or her or them], by Thy Holy Spirit, the grace of spiritual regeneration, that he [or she or they] may obtain the remission of his [or her or their]

sins, and be made partaker [*or partakers*] of the life that is in Jesus Christ; that so he [*or she or they*] may come at last unto Thy heavenly kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

15. AFTER THE BAPTISM OF A PERSON OR PERSONS OF RIPER YEARS.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, we yield Thee most humble and hearty thanks for the mercy which Thou hast this day vouchsafed to Thy servant [*or servants*]; and we beseech Thee, increase in him [*or her or them*] Thy Holy Spirit's gifts, that being now born again and made an heir [*or heirs*] of Salvation he [*or she or they*] may continue Thine for ever, and obtain Thy promises; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

16. ON THE OCCASION OF A MARRIAGE.

O ALMIGHTY LORD GOD, who hast ordained the holy state of Matrimony for Thine own glory and the mutual society, help and comfort of Thy creatures; send Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon Thy servants this day to be [*or who have this day been*] joined together in the solemn ordinance of Thy church; and strengthen them by Thy grace for the fulfilment of their marriage vows. Look mercifully upon them from heaven, and bless them, that being more and more united together in Thy dear Son they may serve Thee here in fear and love, and may together inherit Thine everlasting kingdom. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

17. ON A BIRTHDAY.

O EVERLASTING GOD, we praise and bless Thee for all Thy mercies to us, and especially to Thy servant whose birthday this is. Pardon, we beseech Thee, the errors and ignorances, transgressions and negligences of our past lives. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Grant that each year of our lives may bring us nearer to Thee; and so make us meet for an immortality of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

## 18. FOR TRAVELLERS.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who art everywhere present, be with us in Thy mercy on our journey [or let Thy mercy be with Thy servants on their journey]. Protect us [or them] in dangers, and deliver us [or them] from harm. May we [or they] be watchful to say and do always that which is good in Thy sight, and be brought in due time to the desired end of our [or their] journey, and, at the last, to Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## 19. FOR A SICK MEMBER OF THE FAMILY, OR FRIEND.

O GOD, we beseech Thee, behold, visit, and deliver Thy servant who is sick. Sanctify this Thy fatherly correction to him [or her] and to us. Raise him [or her] up again, we pray Thee, that we may together give Thee thanks and praises. And whatever be Thy will, give us grace to submit ourselves to Thee, and to yield ourselves up body, soul and spirit to Thy service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

## 20. AFTER RECOVERY.

O LORD GOD, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, accept, we beseech Thee, our offering of praise and thanksgiving for Thy great mercy in raising Thy servant from the bed of sickness. Grant, O Lord, to him [or her] and to us such a deep sense of Thy goodness to us as may show itself forth in our life and conversation; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## 21. AFTER A DEATH, OR IN ANY TIME OF TROUBLE.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee to look upon Thy servants who are stricken with grief. (Suffer us [or them] not to mourn as those who have no hope, but to remember how blessed are they that die in the Lord.) Forgive the rebellion of our hearts and all our impenitence. Help us to see and feel the love wherewith Thou chastenest us;

and grant that with all patience and meekness and resignation we may comrait our souls unto Thee in well-doing; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

## 22. FOR THE PARISH OR MISSION.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of Thy servants, and grant unto this parish [or mission] all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare. Strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth; and bring all to be of one heart and one mind within Thy Church; to the honour and glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

Bless, O Lord, these Thy gifts, that we may receive them to our benefit and to Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## GRACE AFTER MEAT.

We give Thee thanks, Almighty Father, for these and all Thy other benefits, and we beseech Thee to make us more worthy of them, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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